



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee
From: Eric Kurtz, JBC Staff (303-866-4952)
Date: April 22, 2026
Subject: Staff recommended Long Bill conference committee amendments

Staff recommends that the Conference Committee on H.B. 26-1410 (FY 2026-27 Long Bill) adopt the changes described on the next page. All of these changes correct drafting errors and align the bill with prior JBC actions.

The net impact is a \$1.6 million increase in General Fund. The largest General Fund increase is \$2.7 million in Health Care Policy and Financing to correct a data entry error related to pediatric behavioral therapy rates. In the Long Bill, the FY 2025-26 projected savings from reducing pediatric behavioral therapy rates was mistakenly added to the FY 2026-27 projected savings.

The most common corrections identified by the JBC staff address:

- Spelling and formatting
- Calculations of the JBC's common policies for central appropriations
- Cash fund and reappropriated fund sources



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Error Corrections and Alignments with Prior JBC Action

Purpose	Dept.	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Makes budget-neutral reallocations of \$15,529 General Fund to align with the approved reorganization of appropriations for Agriculture.	AGR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
Reduces appropriations and FTE across Agriculture, Early Childhood, Labor and Employment, and State to reflect the JBC's action on the statewide AI compliance request.	AGR, EAR, LAB, STA	-613,394	-169,760	-270,001	-17,231	-156,402	-4.6
Reduces total funds and adjusts fund sources based on corrected calculations of central appropriations for the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind in Education, including Short-term Disability, Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance, Unfunded Liability Amortization Payments, Salary Survey, and Step Pay.	EDU	-743,669	-744,305	-470	1,148	-42	0.0
Aligns appropriations in the Office of the Governor with the approved statewide indirect cost recovery plan. Makes corrections to letternotes to properly identify the sources of reappropriated funds. Reflects the Art in Public Places Program as cash funds, instead of reappropriated funds. Adds a footnote clarifying the portion of cash funds that is for the Art in Public Places Program and can, therefore, rollforward pursuant to statute.	GOV	-312,796	139,544	-84,668	-367,672	0	0.0
Corrects errors in calculating the legal services common policy in the Governor's Office, Human Services, Judicial Department, Local Affairs, and Public Health and Environment for a total funds savings of \$480,351, including a decrease of \$298,100 General Fund.	GOV, HUM, JUD, LOC, PubHea	-480,351	-298,100	-61,420	-120,831	0	0.0
Corrects data entry for the reduction to pediatric behavioral therapy rates in Health Care Policy and Financing. The projected savings from FY 2025-26 were mistakenly added to the projected savings in FY 2026-27.	HCP	5,440,445	2,720,222	0	0	2,720,223	0.0
Corrects a math error that understated the FY 2026-27 savings from delaying the reimbursement of community health workers in Health Care Policy and Financing.	HCP	-1,958,857	-467,846	-117,513	0	-1,373,498	0.0
Reduces the University of Colorado, Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities at Fitzsimons in Higher Education by \$36,000 General Fund based on the actual amount due.	HED	-36,000	-36,000	0	0	0	0.0
To align with the common policy for payments to the Office of Information Technology, adds \$0.4 million total funds to Higher Education and \$0.3 million total funds to Law.	HED, LAW	609,597	68,506	392,178	143,264	5,649	0.0
Corrects the spelling of the Office of Adults, Aging, and Disability Services in Human Services.	HUM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Adds detail to a letternote in Judicial to properly identify the cash fund sources.	JUD	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Removes erroneous small caps formatting from a footnote in Natural Resources.	NAT	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

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Corrects an error in calculating the Payments to OIT common policy for Personnel.	PER	149,645	397,369	-247,724	0	0	0.0
Makes net zero corrections to letternotes in Public Health and Environment to accurately reflect cash fund sources and conform with standard letternote language in the Long Bill.	PubHea	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Corrects an omitted 0.9 FTE associated with the approved IT Accessibility funding in Regulatory Agencies.	REG	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
Adjusts language in the footnote affixed to the Grand Totals to specify the General Assembly's intent that departmental and agency marketing, advertising, and outreach plans prioritize Colorado-based media serving local communities.	Statewide	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Corrects a typo in Capital Construction.	CAP	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Shifts Information Technology Projects funding from the Motor Carrier Safety Fund and the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Fund to the Capital Construction Fund for the Records Utilization Upgrade project in Public Safety. This aligns the Long Bill with H.B. 26-1402 that transferred money from the two cash funds to the Capital Construction Fund.	ITCAP	-2,564,100	0	-2,564,100	0	0	0.0
Total		-\$509,480	\$1,609,630	-\$2,953,718	-\$361,322	\$1,195,930	-3.7